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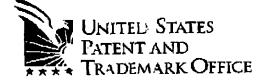
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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 28, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:



1. A semiconductor memory comprising:

a plurality of first regions arranged in lattice fashion, each of which corresponds to a memory array including a plurality of main word lines extending in a first direction, a plurality of sets of sub-word lines extending in said first direction, a plurality of pairs of data lines extending in a second direction, perpendicular to said first direction and a plurality of memory cells, each of which is coupled to a corresponding one of said plurality of sub-word lines and a corresponding one of said data lines, one of said